



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:

REP. URBAN, 43rd Dist.

To: House Bill No. 6723

File No. 38

Cal. No. 58

"AN ACT CONCERNING GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS."

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- 1 Strike line 83 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:
- 2 "to the best interests of the child; (D) a child of the parent [of a child
- 3 who (i) has"
- 4 In line 84, insert a closing bracket after "been" and after the closing
- 5 bracket insert "(i) was"
- 6 In line 85, after "for" insert ", as those terms are defined in section
- 7 46b-120,"
- 8 Strike line 93 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:
- 9 "(E) a child of the parent, [of a child,] who is under the age of seven
- 10 years [who] is found to be neglected,"
- 11 In line 94, after "for," insert "and the parent"

12 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
13 internal references accordingly:

14 "Sec. 501. Subsection (b) of section 45a-717 of the general statutes is
15 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
16 *passage*):

17 (b) If a [party] respondent parent appears without counsel, the court
18 shall inform such [party] respondent parent of the [party's] his or her
19 right to counsel and upon request, if he or she is unable to pay for
20 counsel, shall appoint counsel to represent such [party] respondent
21 parent. No [party] respondent parent may waive counsel unless the
22 court has first explained the nature and meaning of a petition for the
23 termination of parental rights. Unless the appointment of counsel is
24 required under section 46b-136, the court may appoint counsel to
25 represent or appear on behalf of any child in a hearing held under this
26 section to speak on behalf of the best interests of the child. If the
27 respondent parent is unable to pay for [such respondent's] his or her
28 own counsel or if the child or the parent or guardian of the child is
29 unable to pay for the child's counsel, in the case of a Superior Court
30 matter, the reasonable compensation of counsel appointed for the
31 respondent parent or the child shall be established by, and paid from
32 funds appropriated to, the Judicial Department and, in the case of a
33 Probate Court matter, the reasonable compensation of counsel
34 appointed for the respondent parent or the child shall be established
35 by, and paid from funds appropriated to, the Judicial Department,
36 however, in the case of a Probate Court matter, if funds have not been
37 included in the budget of the Judicial Department for such purposes,
38 such compensation shall be established by the Probate Court
39 Administrator and paid from the Probate Court Administration Fund."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	45a-717(b)
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